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Requirements for Russian Merchant Sailor

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REFERENCE: 00/c [REDACTED]

1. Can Source explain why he was called to active military duty in 1951 instead of with the rest of his age class in 1950?
2. How close to full war strength were the air force units with which Source served? Was there any change between the average strength in 1952-3 and 1954-5?
3. Have Source detail the tables of organization of the air force units with which he served, including the number of personnel in each position and their ranks.
4. Does Source have any idea of how the financing of the planes turned over to the Chinese was handled? Did the Chinese inspect and accept the planes before actual turn over was made or did they simply take what they were given? Does Source know anything about other financial arrangements between the Soviets and the Chinese—payments for leasing of facilities or for food, for example?
5. What was the Source's military occupational specialty (VUS) number? What other VUS numbers does he know?
6. Have Source give all the military pay he can remember (include payments made to Source in each of his different military jobs and payment made to others in Source's units, including any officer position pay he knows.) How was payment made while Source was in China? Did he receive all of his pay in Chinese currency? What exchange rates were used for the conversion of rubles to Chinese currency?


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7. Why was Source discharged in June 1955 instead of at the normal fall release? Were others discharged at this time or at earlier periods in 1955? Was there any hint that Source's discharge resulted from unusual demobilization, that is, demobilization for reasons other than his having served his complete tour of duty?

8. Were there any officers or men on the merchant ships on which Source served known to be naval or KGB officers. If so, how many and what did they do?

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